



Photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Kaminsky

Under the gun

A recruiting team from the Air Force Honor Guard performed in front of the Gaylor Dining Facility on Monday. Team Charleston members gathered to watch the team's precision performance, complete with swords, rifles and bayonets. The goal of the visit was to attract NCOs and SNCOs for career-broadening opportunities with the Air Force Honor Guard.

West Nile scare

By Airman 1st Class
 Amy Perry
 437 AW Public Affairs

The West Nile Virus has reared its ugly head in the United States, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Web site.

According to the site, from Jan. 1, 1999, -Tuesday, the WNV has been documented in 37 states. Charleston AFB members should be aware that South Carolina reported its first case this week.

According to Staff Sgt. Tiffany Richardson, 437th Aero-medical Dental Squadron Public Health NCOIC of Epidemiology, just because there's only been one animal case found in South Carolina, doesn't mean CAFB is completely safe.

"The threat is real, especially with the cases in the Southeast," said Richardson. "It's definitely a potential threat, but we have surveillance methods in place here that show negative for the WNV so far."

Public health uses traps

and larvae dipping to test mosquitoes' danger to Team Charleston.

"The traps are devised to catch adult mosquitoes, and the larvae dipping is to catch the larvae stage of mosquitoes," said Richardson. "When we trap both stages, there's a trigger number we go by. If we exceed the trigger number, that's when 437th Civil Engineer Squadron Entomology sprays for mosquitoes."

The trigger number has been very low, according to Richardson. That's due to the almost nonexistent rain earlier this summer, but the number could quickly change because of the recent rain CAFB has experienced.

Public health also brought in local professionals to test for WNV at CAFB.

"Three months ago, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environment Committee sent an entomologist to do a survey on base and in Hunley Park," said

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SFS performs antiterrorism measures, builds relationship

By Tech. Sgt. Timothy Moore
 437 SFS antiterrorism manager

Several members of the 437th Security Forces Squadron, along with Lt. Col. Vic Sowers, 437th Support Group deputy commander, worked side by side in an antiterrorism and force protection initiative recently.

The group rode all-terrain vehicles around the entire perimeter of both Charleston AFB and the Charleston International Airport Aug. 8, looking for damage, signs of tampering, illegal dumping or excess vegetation near the fence line.

"Most of the times we ride with the Charleston County Aviation Authority Police," said Capt. Brady Goebel, 437 SFS operations officer. "Other times, we ride with the wing, group or squadron commanders to give them an up-close look at portions of the installation others don't get a chance to see."

Although several areas that needed

improvement were identified during the ride, the real benefit to this venture is establishing rapport with Charleston AFB's runway neighbors, continued Goebel.

"It is imperative we have a working relationship with local police departments," said Goebel. "The Charleston County Aviation Authority Police are our close allies."

Sergeant Nick Mahieu, CCAA Police, said a good working relationship benefits the CCAA Police as well.

"It's easy to plan for contingencies, but when you see first hand how facilities are laid out and the terrain surrounding them, it makes it much easier to plan for an incident," said Mahieu. "Working with the Air Force security forces gives us a great advantage."

The benefits of preparing together are apparent when planning for an emergency like an aircraft missing the runway, said Goebel. Emergency responders would be able to arrive in

a shorter amount of time since they know how to respond. It's easy to look at a base map and see the dirt roads that lead to the clear zone at the end of each runway, but to see first hand and actually travel the roads can dramatically cut response time.

Goebel said the work between the agencies also helps with security measures.

"We've discovered our video cameras can look at the airport's ramp, and the airport's cameras can look at our ramp," said Goebel. "If something develops, both sides of the flightline can put another set of eyes on the situation, increasing the odds of a successful resolution."

Although specific dates or the frequency of these perimeter checks are not disclosed, Goebel said future joint checks will be conducted, furthering an already great relationship with CAFB's neighbors to the east.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Smith

Lt. Col. Vic Sowers, 437th Support Group deputy commander, rides an all-terrain vehicle during a perimeter check of an area outside the base fenceline as Senior Master Sgt. Fredric Richardson, 437th Security Forces Squadron operations superintendent, follows.

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Wing showcases mission for distinguished visitors

By Col. Brooks Bash

437 AW commander

We are hosting our honorary commanders from the community today, to show them the flying, airdrop and combat offload capabilities of the C-17. This is a great opportunity for us to help our civilian community understand our mission and to thank these representatives for the outstanding support we enjoy from our civilian neighbors. Special thanks goes to the 437th Operations Group and 437th Services Squadron for making this a first-class event.

The visit this week from Maj. Gen. Michael McMahan, Air Force Personnel Center commander, was a great opportunity for us to hear about personnel issues straight from the top. Everyone had a chance to get questions answered in the "Spread the Word" briefing, and I think it is clear our leaders are addressing the wide variety of personnel issues out there. If you still have questions, particularly regarding Stop-Loss, please feel free to address them through our civilian or military personnel flights. They will be happy to help out.

As we say farewell to one visitor, we are also gearing up



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Smith

During his visit Tuesday, Maj. Gen. Michael McMahan, Air Force Personnel Center commander, talks with Tech. Sgt. Luke Bell, 437th Services Squadron. McMahan took time Monday and Tuesday to meet Team Charleston members.

summer are drawing to a close, it is important to stay vigilant. Safety is a high interest item for me year-round. Be safe out there!

AMC vice commander calls extended AEF tours 'fact of life' Mobility Issues

By Cynthia Bauer

AMCNS

"Extended tour lengths for airmen deploying as part of the Air and Space Expeditionary Forces are a fact of life," said Air Mobility Command's Vice Commander Lt. Gen. John R. Baker.

What the Air Force is doing to help airmen prepare is to notify them in advance if the deployment will last more than 90 days.

"When the Global War on Terrorism began, we knew we would be stretching our forces," Baker said. "The AEF construct was built to support steady-state deployments, such as Operations Northern Watch and Southern Watch and short-term crises. Our operations have now expanded to include Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle."

Adding to that stretch are the release of all Air Force Specialty Codes from Stop-Loss and the demobilization of Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve forces.

"If we continue at our present (operations) tempo, tour lengths for many of our

Expeditionary Combat Support forces may range from 120, 135 to 179 days," he said. Those hardest hit are in one of the Air Force's stressed Unit Type Codes.

The UTCs the Air Force considers stressed include security forces, communications, civil engineer, services, intelligence, medical, transportation, weather and fuels. Although not everyone in these stressed UTCs will be deployed longer than three months, many will. About 10-15 percent of the deployed force will be gone longer, based upon current requirements, Air Force officials said.

Baker said the information he had was from part of an update on the most recent Air Force Vice Chief of Staff AEF Forum. The AEF Forum is the vice chief's bi-monthly meeting where Air Force major command vice commanders along with Maj. Gen. Tim Peppe, special assistant for AEF matters, address improvements to the deployment system.

The forum is also working the process for advance notification for extended tour lengths. "We want to

get to the point that before they leave, airmen know if their deployment will be longer than three months," Baker said. "We need to be patient with the system and understand the Air Force is working this issue very hard."

According to Baker, Gen. Robert Foglesong, Air Force vice chief of staff, and the members of the AEF Forum are very concerned about stressed career fields.

"We didn't think demobilization and the end of Stop-Loss would happen so soon or as quickly," said Baker. "There will be changes to relieve stressed career fields, but they will take a while. The Global War on Terrorism has changed everything in the way we do business."

At the recommendation of the AEF Forum, the Air Force will increase the number of personnel in deployable UTCs who are available to deploy to about 257,000. The forum has also recommended increasing accessions into career fields that make up these stressed UTCs.

"These actions will help lower the stress," Baker said. "More people avail-

for a visit from Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper, in the upcoming weeks. We look forward to showing him our base and the pride with which we accomplish our mission.

After delivering our newest C-17, Gen. Jumper will have opportunities during his visit to meet with airmen throughout the wing. Please take advantage of any opportunities you have to interact with our chief of staff to let him know how you are helping accomplish the Air Force mission.

I have civilian and officer commander's calls planned for Aug. 29, and two sessions for enlisted personnel on Sept. 12. I expect a good turnout, and I look forward to sharing my thoughts with you and hearing your feedback.

Also on the horizon is the wing safety awareness day, Aug. 30. On that day, each squadron will focus on issues that affect their particular jobs and look at Air Force trends that may affect their operation. I will be out visiting some of your units to observe your safety practices. While the 101 critical days of

able to deploy lowers the stress on our limited forces. But we must be careful. We don't want to create new stressed career fields. These actions must be crafted with sound analysis in order to solve the problems."

In addition, the Air Force is working to identify people in critical positions who are not deployable under normal conditions.

"Take firefighters, for instance," said Baker. "We can't take every firefighter away from a base. But this doesn't mean we don't need to know who they are. We still need them trained and available if we go to war."

For the future, the general said he doesn't see operations tempo being relaxed.

"For our mobility forces, we'll still move people and supplies just as we have since 9-11," said Baker. "We will see peaks and valleys. I want AMC commanders to allow their people as much of a break as possible when we reach those valleys."

Another important issue the AEF Forum is tackling is inspections and their impact.

IN THE NEWS

Watch your mouth: 437th Medical Group Deily Dental Clinic getting word out about proper oral care, maintenance of military's oral health

The Air Force values the complete health of its personnel, and oral hygiene should be a main focus to prevent illness and insure overall well being.

The Air Force offers extensive coverage to maintain oral hygiene and treat oral complications.

"The military has long recognized that oral health is important to overall fitness of the nation's service men and women," said Deborah Kemmerlin, a registered dental hygienist at the Deily Dental Clinic. "In combat, when troops don't have ready access to care, a dental emergency could be disastrous.

"A 1999 Department of Defense study reported that as many as 25 percent of mobilized reserve personnel could not be deployed until dental examinations and associated treatment were completed," Kemmerlin continued.

In addition to common oral problems such as cavities

and tooth degeneration, improper oral care can cause more serious complications.

"The Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health in America notes that some studies have reported a link between periodontal (gum) disease and cardiovascular, or heart disease," said Kemmerlin. "There are theories to explain the possible link between periodontal or gum disease and heart disease. One theory suggests the bacteria present with gum disease enters the bloodstream and infect the lining of the blood vessels.

"Another theory points to the inflammation that occurs with gum disease causing thickening and hardening of blood vessel walls (arteriosclerosis) associated with heart attack or stroke," Kemmerlin continued.

The clinic also counsels personnel on the importance of daily oral hygiene.

"The basic practice for gum disease prevention includes twice-daily brushings for two

minutes, the use of fluoride toothpaste, daily flossing and regular visits to the dentist," said Kemmerlin. "The use of hard bristle toothbrushes for manual brushing over a long-term leads to trauma to the gum and tooth, which is why dental care providers today recommend soft bristle toothbrushes.

"Similarly, it is believed that using a power toothbrush would reduce brushing force and the incidence of trauma to the gum and tooth," Kemmerlin continued. "Significant reduction in plaque levels has been shown in test groups among adults and children using power toothbrushes."

Proper oral care, a health concern that is often overlooked, is an important issue at Charleston AFB.

"The maintenance of the military's oral health is unique," said Kemmerlin. "The deployment of troops, potential of recruits and activation of reserves depends on their overall fitness. Oral



Photo by Airman 1st Class Amy Perry

Capt. Gary Walsh, general dentist, and Airman 1st Class Lora Hawker, dental technician, both of the 437th Medical Group Deily Dental Clinic, drill a patient's tooth to fill a cavity.

health is an important part of daily disease prevention."

Personnel with dental emergencies can get a walk-in appointment during sick call hours and schedule follow-up treatments after ini-

tial assessment. For an appointment, call 963-6842 or 963-6839. **(Information for this article was provided by the Deily Dental Clinic and Jennifer Turner, 437 AW Public Affairs.)**

WNV

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Richardson. "There were a total of 1,100 mosquitoes caught, which is a lot for this base at night. He was especially surveying for WNV, and his reports came back negative."

According to the CDC site, for people, mild infections of WNV are common, and symptoms can include fever, headache, body aches, skin rash and swollen lymph glands. The most severe complication of WNV infection is encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain. Severe infections are more common in the elderly

and are marked by headache, high fever, neck stiffness, disorientation, convulsions and, though rarely, death.

"WNV's symptoms are more like the flu," said Richardson. "It really affects the young and old. Adults 20-50 usually just get sick, but they usually don't die. Symptoms include general body aches and normal flu-like symptoms. It's the same for children, only the virus is more detrimental to children.

"If you notice a lot of mosquito bites on children, bring them to the doctor," Richardson continued.

Prevention is key, said Richardson.

"If you notice a lot of dead birds, especially crows, call entomology," Richardson said. "Make sure you apply an inspect repellent with a DEET (N,N-Diethyl-meta-Toluamide) of 35 percent for adults and less than 10 percent for young children; wear loose fitting, long-sleeved clothing; and get rid of any standing water, such as non-chlorinated pools, bird-baths and playground equipment that can collect water."

Richardson said if there are areas on the ground that gather standing water, collect the water and pour it out over asphalt.

WNV can also affect animals, according to the CDC website. WNV does not appear to cause extensive illness in dogs or cats; however, they can be infected with the virus. There is no reason to destroy an animal just because it is infected with WNV. Full recovery is likely, and less than five dog and cat deaths have been attributed to WNV worldwide.

If prevention doesn't work, see a doctor, said Richardson.

"For mosquito bites, most importantly, don't scratch them," Richardson said. "If you have more than 10 mosquito bites, be alert to symptoms. If you feel groggy or flu-like, seek medical attention then."

Richardson said WNV isn't the only mosquito-transmitted disease South Carolinians have to worry about.

Eastern equine encephalitis and Venezuelan equine encephalitis both have symptoms ranging from mild flu-like illness to frank encephalitis,

coma and death, and both are prevalent in South Carolina.

Mosquitoes are considered as vectors for many diseases, said Richardson. South Carolina has vectors for malaria and dengue.

According to the CDC website, "symptoms of malaria include fever and flu-like illness, including shivering chills, headache, muscle aches and tiredness. Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea may also occur. Malaria may cause anemia and jaundice (yellow coloring of the skin and eyes) because of the loss of red blood cells."

One type of malaria infection, *P. falciparum*, according to the site, may cause kidney failure, seizures, mental confusion, coma and death if not treated properly.

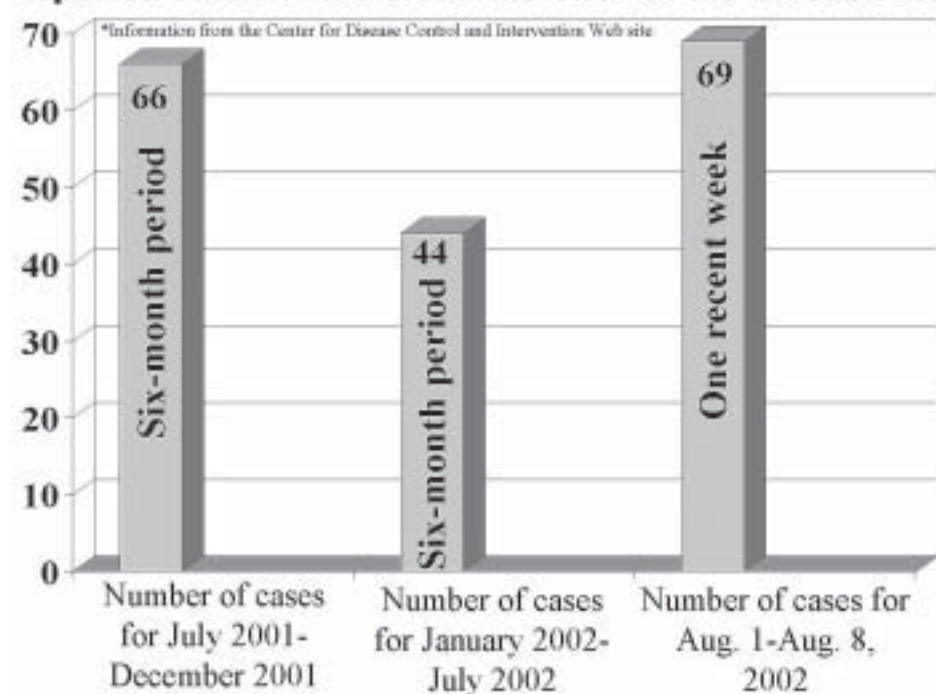
Infection with dengue viruses produces a spectrum of clinical illness ranging from a nonspecific viral syndrome to severe and fatal hemorrhagic disease, according to the site.

As of Monday, state health departments have released information on 145 cases of WNV related to human illness this year, including eight deaths, according to CDC's website. From 1999-2001, there were 149 cases of WNV human illness in the United States reported to the CDC and confirmed, including 18 deaths.

Now that WNV has been found in South Carolina, Richardson reminds Team Charleston to be prepared.

More information can be found at www.cdc.gov.

Reported cases of the West Nile Virus in the United States



NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight

Change of Command: Lt. Col. Rafael Diaz assumed command of the 437th Aeromedical Dental Squadron from Lt. Col. Patrick Murray Thursday in a ceremony.

Retirement: The 14th Airlift Squadron is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Edison Velez Jr. Friday, 3 p.m., at the 14 AS auditorium. For more information, call 963-2437.

Retirement: The 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron Gator Flight is hosting a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Henry Warden Wednesday, 3:30 p.m., at the Community Education Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Leonard McIver at 963-5508.

Around the base

AAHC: The African American Heritage Committee is holding a meeting Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., at the Charleston Club. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Denese Bellamy at 963-2262 or Tech. Sgt. Steven Beasley at 963-5082.

CLEP: A math preparatory College Level Examination Program is scheduled for Aug. 26-28, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Community Education Center. Students who successfully complete the math CLEP class will be administered the CLEP General Mathematics exam Aug. 29. Successful completion of this test meets the Community College of the Air Force requirement for mathematics. This class will be offered to Air Force personnel assigned to Charleston AFB, as the purpose is to meet CCAF requirements. Other personnel are welcome on a space-available basis. Sign ups must be done in person. Those who have signed up must confirm a seat no later than 3:30 p.m., Aug. 23, by calling 963-4575. Seats not confirmed will be opened to the waiting list.

Charleston Warrior of the Week

Senior Airman Kevin Fosset

437th Comptroller Squadron

Senior Airman Kevin Fosset is a customer service technician in the 437th Comptroller Squadron.

"I can do pretty much everything customer service related," said Fosset. "Mainly I do debt collections for the base."

Fosset said his job is high stress, but the environment makes it worth it.

"Everyone I work with is pretty cool," said Fosset. "In this career field, it helps."

The Milford, Conn., native has served almost four years in the military, spending more than three of those years at Charleston AFB.

Fosset said his involvement with Operation Enduring Freedom isn't typical. He will be going on a two-week TDY soon and will accompany aircrews during flights. Anytime they land, he'll be there with an Air Force check to dish out funds for landing fees and gas if needed.

An avid sports fan, Fosset said he enjoys playing sports, working out and watching any sports. He plays intramural softball and football for his squadron.

Two classes away from his Community College of the Air Force associate degree in financial management, Fosset attends school in his spare time. He is also just three semesters away from a bachelor's degree.

Fosset said he liked his job because his hours were guaranteed. It helps him keep up his hectic schedule of attending school, playing intramural games, watching sports, going to school or flying away on TDYs.




Photo by Airman 1st Class Amy Perry

Blood drive: Charleston AFB is hosting a blood drive Aug. 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Community Education Center auditorium. For more information, call 963-4678.

Luncheon: A Women's Equality Day Luncheon is scheduled for Aug. 26, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Charleston Club. The cost is \$9 for members and \$11 for non-members. For more information, call 963-6757 or 963-6959.

NASCAR: The 437th Security Forces Squadron is looking for volunteers to work the upcoming NASCAR races at Darlington Speed-

way Aug. 30-Sept. 1. All volunteers will receive a Darlington polo shirt. For information, call Tech. Sgt. Franco Fuda at 963-5292.

Commissary: The Commissary will be open Sept. 3, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., in lieu of the Labor Day holiday.

Day of Caring: The Base Chapel is looking for volunteers to participate in Charleston's Day of Caring Sept. 11, downtown. For more information, call 963-2536.

CCD: CCD registration for pre-kindergartners-eighth graders is underway for classes that start Sept. 15. To register, go to the Chapel Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Parent-Child: Charleston AFB Youth Programs is looking for a new volunteer program coordinator of the Parent-Child Play Group which meets Wednesday mornings 9:30-11 a.m. The group is open to all children from 6 months-4 years of age. For more information, call 963-5684.

Stray animals: Residents and employees of Charleston AFB should not feed any stray animal, including cats, or interfere with the humane capture of these animals. If a stray is spotted on base, call the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron at 963-5027 or 963-2392. The animal will be picked up and handed over to the Society for

the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Trespass: The base firing ranges located adjacent to the Rivers Avenue Gate, is a "no trespassing area." Due to weapons training conducted daily, including weekends, the ranges are off limits unless a valid need for entry has been authorized.

Pharmacy: The Naval Hospital Charleston Pharmacy will now open at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. Pharmacy hours for other days will remain unchanged. For more information, go to www.nhchasn.med.navy.mil.

Embry-Riddle: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, located in the Community Education Center, offers Bachelor of Science degrees in different programs of study. The courses are designed for the non-traditional adult student and use an accelerated format. Most courses are also offered through distance learning. For more information, call 767-8912.

Family Support Center

Pre-deployment Briefing: Daily, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Sip 'n Chat: Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Troops-to-Teachers: Monday, 10-11 a.m.

Job Search Basics: Tuesday, 9 a.m.-noon.

Workshops are held at the FSC unless otherwise noted. For more information, call 963-4406.

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NEWS

Combat Camera Photo of the Week



Photo by Staff Sgt. Cecilio Ricardo, 1 CTCS

Unloading

Soldiers from Delta Company, 10 Engineers, Fort Stewart, Ga., prepare a C-17 Globemaster III to onload a HUMVEE in support of Large Package Week. Large Package Week at Pope AFB, N.C., is a joint Air Force and Army exercise used to practice heavy equipment and paratrooper movement by air. Large Package Week ran July 16-21.

AFPC talks Stop-Loss

By Staff Sgt. Jason Smith
437 AW Public Affairs

With Stop-Loss ending for all career fields, the Air Force will continue to move toward normal operations and work to improve the quality of life and benefits for its members.

That's the message Maj. Gen. Michael McMahan, Air Force Personnel Center commander, brought to Charleston AFB Monday when he talked with airmen at a packed Base Theater.

"We were in the midst of change before 9/11," said McMahan. "We had a new administration come in, and we were looking at ways in which we could improve the personnel system. But all that changed after 9/11, and our nation changed, and our attitudes changed."

Because of the need for increased military operations following Sept. 11, McMahan said Stop-Loss was enacted, and National Guard and Reserve units were called. Air Force wide, Stop-Loss affected 24,000 active-duty members, 17,800 guardsmen and 12,600 reservists.

"We absolutely disrupted their lives, and we don't want to do that again," said McMahan. "Even though Stop-Loss was in effect, we still accepted waivers, and 96 waivers were approved (at CAFB)."

Air Force wide, roughly 80 percent of all waiver requests were approved

by major command commanders, according to officials.

Now that Stop-Loss is scheduled to end for all career fields, McMahan said the Air Force will continue to move toward normal operations, but with a slightly increased risk.

"It will intensify the need for teamwork and communication," said McMahan. "With those, I believe we'll be able to sustain the mission."

McMahan said mobilization and Stop-Loss are options in the future, but only for emergencies when the nation absolutely needs the military support.

McMahan took time on Tuesday to eat with and talk to a group of airmen at the Gaylor Dining Facility. He again answered questions and gave some insight on Air Force and local issues. He said as a rule, CAFB's concerns mirror those he's heard Air Force wide.

"However, the unique mission and responsibilities you have here in some ways intensifies some of the issues," said McMahan. "As an example, the high operations tempo."

Even though the workload has increased for CAFB, McMahan said this is a critical time for the enlisted force Air Force wide. He said 46 percent of the enlisted force is up for reenlistment between now and the end of 2003. Officials are looking at different options to make the military more appealing to those who have to make this important decision. Some of the policies being worked involve seeking congressional authority and funding, like annual pay raises, BAS and BAH adjustments, bonuses for

short career fields, a voluntary leave-sharing program and increased education funding.

"And some others can be handled more simply through policy changes within the Air Force and the Department of Defense," said Capt. John Thomas, McMahan's spokesman at the AFPC.

Many policy initiatives are being actively reviewed with a view toward visionary and transformational ideas, said Thomas.

Promotion was also an issue McMahan cited as a factor behind retention. On the day before the latest staff sergeant results were scheduled to come out, he explained how the system worked.

"Promotion rates are dependent on the requirements of the Air Force," said McMahan. "We've asked more of (staff sergeants), they've given us more and they've probably earned promotion at a different rate than someone with the same number of years in the past. We'll continue to find that balance between the requirements of the Air Force and promoting people when they're actually ready for promotion."

McMahan said the same philosophy of promotion goes into the percent of officers promoted. Although the rates for major are slightly higher now than in the past, the quality of the officers is not suffering.

"I would not agree with any statement that says we're going to decrease the quality of our officers," said McMahan. "We're anticipating a 95 percent promotion opportunity for major and an 85 promotion op-

Around the Air Force briefs

Lodging

Military travelers will soon be required to consider government-contracted hotels before others when traveling inside the continental United States.

The new requirement, set to begin around Nov. 1, is part of the Federal Premier Lodging Program, run by the General Services Administration. (AFPN)

FormFlow

Air Force officials at the Pentagon recently approved a plan to acquire a new information management tool software package to replace the FormFlow program used for more than a decade. (AFPN)

Officer promotions

The Air Force has made changes to officer promotion opportunities for upcoming boards and to the data presented on the selection brief available to board members.

During the Oct. 3 promotion boards, those looking for promotion to O-4 will find the promotion opportunities, or the maximum number of individuals each board may select to be promoted, higher than in the past.

The promotion board for O-4 can now promote the number of officers equal to 95 percent of the number in the promotion zone for line officers, lawyers and medical service corps officers. (AFPN)

Reservists demobilize

In response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the Air Force mobilized more than 30,000 Air National Guardsmen and Air Force Reservists.

Nearly a year later, a large portion of them are being released as the Air Force embraces a new steady state, according to Michael Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs. (AFPN)

portunity for lieutenant colonel. We're asking our junior officers for a great deal more now than ever before. We owe them, as senior leaders, more mentoring and education.

"We have an extra responsibility as supervisors and leaders to prepare them for their extra responsibility with fewer years of service," continued McMahan. "I think they're maturing has accelerated and it shows in their performance."

While McMahan applauds the performance of all military members on a daily basis, he also said he is impressed with those who stay behind.

"I gained a greater appreciation for the sacrifice of family members and employers of our guardsmen and reservists," said McMahan. "I think as our nation looks at heroes of post 9/11, we have to notice the contribution of employers and coworkers who sacrificed so much and picked up the extra workload so our forces could go defend the nation."

"The families of these people are huge heroes also," McMahan continued. "They stayed and took care of business at home. When we honor heroes, we can't leave them out."

McMahan said he was especially impressed with the relationship between active-duty units and Reserve units at CAFB, which he considers the benchmark for the rest of the Air Force. He also said he enjoyed his visit to CAFB and gave a hint about the possibility of a return trip.

"If I'm invited back, I'll be more than glad to come back. If not invited, I'll try to invite myself," said McMahan smiling.

AFPC releases staff sergeant promotee list Wednesday

280 Charleston AFB members selected for promotion



Adams, Joshua
Albritton, Gary
Alexander, Brandon
Armstrong, Matthew
Armstrong, Yakima
Bailie, Jason
Barber, William
Barentine, Paul
Barnett, Jeffrey
Barr, Angela
Bassford, Michael
Baumann, Paul
Bell, Leslie
Belles, David
Belles, Michelle
Berry, Douglas
Berry, Melanie
Bertrand, Darla
Bertrand, Timothy
Bettinger, Joshua
Beveridge, Joseph
Biehler, Michael
Bills, Antoine
Blair, Angela
Blair, Danny
Blake, Andre
Brock, Matthew
Brock, Shaun
Broughton, Clifton
Brown, Stephen
Brown, Telichia
Bruemmer, Victoria
Bryant, Willie
Burdge, Kerri
Burgess, Michael
Busby, Nolan
Butler, Cedric
Butler, Chad
Cagle, David
Carlson, Garrett
Carman, Matthew
Carr, Demetrice
Carter, Teri
Castro, Romero
Caver, Kimberly
Chaney, Brian

Claus, Daniel
Cole, William
Coleman, Bradley
Conner, Jason
Cordero, Annette
Corriveau, Travis
Cotter, Kevin
Cray, Dennis
Crowley, Daniel
Czerniak, Brain
Czock, Stanley
Daley, Jeremy
Darconte, Robert
Davis, Andrew
Davison, Adam
Dean, Herbert
Demaggio, Samuel
Deremer, Melissa
Dereza, Enrique
Diaz, Kelly
Dingle, Wayne
Diroma, Phillip
Dixon, Monte
Dobson, Erik
Douglas, Blaine
Drayton-Brown, Tisha
Dube, Timothy
Eaddy, Leon
Eley, Stephanie
Eskesen, Stephen
Exley, Michael
Femath, Juan
Ferretti, Nicholas
Ford, Reshema
Fortune, Mathew
Foster, David
Foster, Roy
Fowles, Travis
Frase, Beth
Fuqua, Jennifer
Furches, Fred
Futrell, Joshua
Gamble, Donnie
Gant, Justin
Garcia-Cordero, Zelm
Giddens, Walter
Glenz, Keith

Goff, Jeffery
Gordon, Gregory
Gorrell, Jeffrey
Grace, Michael
Gradick, Lauren
Grasty, Jason
Greenhow, Donald
Guay, Richard
Guenther, Paul
Guistwite, Wendi
Gurski, Bernard
Hainor, Aaron
Hall, Robert
Halterman, Justin
Hamer, Ramona
Hammer, Kevin
Hannen, Matthew
Hardy, Jesse
Harkleroad, Andrew
Hartley, Katherine
Haugen, Corey
Heitman, Matthew
Hendrix, Michael
Henry, Claude
Herman, Theodore
Hernandez, Juan
Hicks, Darius
Hill, Jeffrey
Hirschman, Kirk
Hodges, Jason
Hoffman, Jason
Holman, Demetria
Holzbaur, Douglas
Hopp, Kevin
Hoyt, Raymond
Hunt, Bethann
Inlow, James
Isbell, Diana
Jackson, Roger
Jacobs, Raphael
Johnson, Stephen
Judkins, Keith
Karels, Randy
Kasch, Jeffrey
Kauffman, Mark
Kelley, Terrell
Kennedy, Jamie

Kessler, Justin
Kincade, Jeremiah
King, Robert
Kinsey, Paul
Knox, Steven
Koger, Isabel
Kookan, Joshua
Kovach, Christopher
Kronenberg, Jason
Kuhn, Robert
Lanahan, Craig
Lawrence, Joseph
Lee, Sharika
Lehman, Ryan
Lorick, Freddie
Lowry, Ryan
Macauley, Carl
Mace, Justin
Malo, Suhail
Malott, Justen
Marabella, Andrew
Martin, Akisha
Martin, Joseph
Massarelli, Benjamin
McClure, Jason
McDonald, Eddie
McKinley, Derwood
McPherson, Sara
Meredith, Edward
Merritt, Oscar
Mills, Earl
Mizzoni, Nicholas
Mohrmann, Mark
Moles, Benjamin
Moody, Jeffrey
Moon, Lance
Moore, Jeremy
Morales, Renee
Morris, John
Morris, Michael
Moses, Thomas
Moyer, Ryan
Moyer, William
Murray, Jaime
Murray, Maria
Nipper, Donna
Norman, Dwayne

O'Meara, Robert
Ortiz, Joseph
Owens, Donald
Oxford, Shawn
Parker, Aaron
Parker, Joseph
Patterson, Gregory
Patton, Nathaniel
Paul, Michael
Paul, Steven
Pearsall, Stacy
Pease, Matthew
Perkins, Marcus
Pettyirew, Travis
Pinthong, Sarayuth
Pinto, Scott
Pointer, Lowell
Potter, Dawn
Pratt, Alan
Pratt, Brian
Pride, John
Quarles, Heidi
Rainey, Cassandra
Rainey, Naaron
Rash, Charles
Reed, Cuchatta
Reed, Shane
Reichle, Matthew
Reid, Heather
Reinke, Jason
Ricketts, Harley
Ridgway, Martha
Rinkes, Joseph
Roberts, Jeremy
Rodgers, Darril
Rosebrook, Seth
Ruehling, David
Ruiz, Christopher
Ryan, Heather
Sams, Richard
Sanagustin, Joseph
Schanz, Matthew
Schwartz, Scott
Shaw, Jason
Shifflett, Michael
Shillingburg, Adam
Shown, Steven

Simmons, Wayne
Skiles, Michael
Smith, John
Smith, Matthew
Smith, Schenecia
Smith, Vincent
Sobolewski, Richard
Spencer, Gary
Stallings, Danny
Steffers, Sandra
Stokes, Kenya
Stroman, Rushad
Sumpter, Russell
Sutton, Ashley
Swain, Daniel
Taylor, Gregory
Taylor, Teddrick
Thomas, David
Thompson, Adrienna
Thompson, Ryan
Tiedt, Lorenz
Travis, Carl
Treadwell, Jason
Trial, Brian
Turner, Andre
Turpin, Kiley
Valt, Loraine
Vang, Kanada
Vanhorn, David
Vanparys, Christopher
Vasiliades, Simon
Wallace, Dustin
Walston, Ian
Ward, Robert
West, Adam
Westry, Rashad
Whaley, Jerome
Wilder, Jason
Willen, Anthony
Williams, Linda
Williams, Terence
Willoughby, Wallace
Winslow, Gyjuan
Witcher, Tammie
Wright, Robert
Zahn, Nathan
Zellers, Joshua

Housing facility chief announces July Yard of the Month winners



Photos by Airman 1st Class Amy Perry

(From left to right) Marsha Davis, Kimberly Davis, Meagan Ortiz, Marissa Ortiz, Kyle Davis, Master Sgt. Keith Davis and Daniel Davis work on different aspects of their yard.



Tech. Sgt. Jeff Bone and Tess Bone work on a centerpiece of flowers on their yard. Each month, winners are chosen from main base and Hunley Park.

'Wing looking ready for combat wing structure,' say officials

By Capt. Linda Pepin
437 AW Public Affairs

As the wing counts down to a Sept. 27 ceremony marking reorganization to the new combat wing structure, officials are working to ensure manpower and personnel issues surrounding the reorganization are well in hand.

A linchpin to the restructuring is the unit manning document, which is completed and in final coordination, according to Robert Adams, a manpower management analyst with the 437th Airlift Wing.

"The UMD guides all personnel actions," Adams said. "It's the 'places' that personnel puts the 'faces' into. Organizations can have more or less faces, but the UMD drives decisions Air Force wide, like reassignments, retraining, reenlistments and career progression."

To arrive at the new UMD, manpower specialists have realigned positions at the squadron, flight and element level.

"We have to look at span of control, ratio of supervisors to subordinates, and correct AFSCs in correct elements," Adams said. "In some places

it's as simple as changing an office symbol, like for the 25 positions in [the maintenance operations center of the] command post moving to the new maintenance operations squadron. However, the logistics readiness squadron, supply, transportation, aerial port and logistics readiness have unique processes we have to blend into one organization, with multiple AFSCs under new supervisors in the new squadron."

Adams stressed that while the new structure will mean changes that affect military and civilian personnel to varying degrees, there are no positions being deleted on the civilian side.

The impact and implementation of any changes affecting union employees must be negotiated, according to Wilma Mitchell, civilian personnel officer. Officials must consider the impact the change in structure will have on civilian employees.

"We anticipate a minimal number of civilians to be affected as of right now," said Mitchell. "It should not have any adverse impact to any of them. It will be a transparent change to most civilians."

The military personnel flight is

making the transition as smooth as possible for military members, according to Capt. Kevin Heckle, 437th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight commander, who oversees the process that ensures the 'faces' realign with the 'spaces' in the new UMD.

"We end up with a lot of domino effect things like PCA [permanent change of assignment] actions, and changes of reporting officials that need to take place," Heckle said. "There's a domino effect with corresponding evaluation reports, but we're trying to minimize most of that."

One way to avoid generating extra reports is to move entire flights or elements in the military personnel data system, according to Heckle.

"The other possibility is to do a PCA on one person at a time; in that case the paperwork and man-hours would be incredible," Heckle said.

The MPF is working with affected squadron commanders' support staffs to accomplish necessary changes in the personnel data system.

"For most people off the street, it's going to be transparent," Heckle said of the data shuffle. "The folks who are affected are the folks moving to

another organization, and we're trying to minimize the impact for them."

As after any personnel action, Heckle recommends people affected by the change in structure go to their squadron commander's support staff to ensure their records reflect the correct Personnel Accounting Symbol code, office symbol, duty title and locator information.

"Everyone is in good hands. No one's going to get lost in the system as a result of this reorganization," Heckle said.

In addition to tracking the reorganization's effect at home station, officials are safeguarding against potential glitches in deployment taskings. PAS codes, pivotal to identifying deployees, are changing for many people in the affected squadrons.

To forestall any misdirected deployment taskings during the changeover, the manpower office is taking extra care to make sure all the potentially affected squadrons have visibility on the taskings, Adams said.

"We've put some checkpoints in there," he said. "That way no one should miss the taskings, especially short-notice taskings."

Chapel schedule



107 Arthur Drive

Office hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Phone: 963-2536. After duty hours, call the command post at 963-2531 for emergencies only.

Catholic Services

Saturday -- 4 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Mass.

Sunday -- 9:30 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church.

Weekdays -- 11:30 a.m. Mass, Sacrament of Baptism pre-baptismal classes are held the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. For Sacrament of Marriage, call the Catholic chaplain six months prior to the wedding.

Protestant Services

Sunday -- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School in Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, 11 a.m. Children's Church.

Thursday -- 7 p.m. Praise and Worship contemporary service in Bldg. 216 (old Chapel).

Buddhist: Columbia Shambhala Meditation Center, Suite 109, Columbia, S.C. 29405. Phone: (803) 254-9048.

Orthodox: Holy Trinity, Greek Orthodox Church, 30 Race St., Charleston, S.C. Phone: 577-2063.

Jewish: Call Jewish Lay Leader: David Sirull at 571-3264.

Islamic: Al-Jami Ar-Rasheed, 1998 Hugo Ave., Charleston Heights, S.C. Phone: 554-1773.

Movie schedule

Admission prices:

Adults/Children -- 99 cents

Any child under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (21 years old) to purchase an admission ticket for the minor child to view R-rated movies. The ticket office opens 30 minutes prior to start of movie, unless otherwise noted.



Movie schedules are provided by AAFES. Patrons should call 963-3333 to verify movie titles, running times and start times, which are subject to change.

Tonight, 7:30 p.m.

"Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones"

The galaxy has undergone significant change. Anakin has grown into the accomplished Jedi apprentice of Obi-Wan, who himself has transitioned from student to teacher. The Jedi are assigned to protect Padme and will face choices that impact not only their own fates, but also the destiny of the Republic. **(PG) 142 minutes**

Saturday, 2 p.m.

"Like Mike" – Morris Chestnut

Calvin finds a "magical" pair of sneakers that were once worn by professional basketball player, Michael Jordan. The shoes transform him into a basketball wizard, able to compete on a professional level despite his size. He soon gets a chance to join an actual NBA team. **(PG) 101 minutes**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"Mr. Deeds" – Adam Sandler

Long Fellow Deeds is a sweet, lovable guy leading a simple, but happy, life in the tiny town of Mandrake Falls, N.H. The popular owner of Deeds Pizza, Deeds has become a homegrown celebrity. He entertains his patrons by reciting his offbeat but hilarious greeting card poetry. **(PG-13) 91 minutes**

FEATURE



2,400 acres, eight firefighters, eight aerial porters, two runways and only one

North Field groundskeeper

**Story and photos by
Airman 1st Class Amy Perry
437 AW Public Affairs**

At Charleston AFB, there are hundreds of workers who maintain the facilities, equipment and grounds. At North Auxiliary Airfield, there's only one.

Quinton Wallings, the engineer and equipment operator at the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron's North Field Division, is responsible to care for more than 2,400 acres. He cuts the grass, a never-ending project; fixes the roads, which are subject to fallen branches, being washed out or visited by wild animals; and does minor maintenance of the equipment at North Field.

"His official title is groundskeeper," said Jeff Feltner, 437 CES North Field lead firefighter. "It sounds fairly simple, but he's responsible for all the equipment out here. He's a jack-of-all-trades."

"He's very dedicated, and is a vital part of the North Field machine," Feltner continued. "We couldn't get by without him."

North Field, primarily a training base, consists of two runways, equipment and personnel drop zones, and a fire station. There are 15-20 people who continually support the mission of North Field. Of those, Feltner said there are a minimum of eight firefighters on duty, eight aerial porters (to assist with aerial drops), two combat controllers and the groundskeeper.

Feltner said at CAFB, Foreign Object Damage is a

big thing. At North Field, it's wild animals that find their way onto the runway.

"A wild bull was loose on this base about four months ago," said Feltner. "(Wallings) went off base to all the local farms to find the owner."

Wallings said he never did catch the bull. He also said he sees deer everyday and must keep them away from the flightline.

Wallings' love for his work is evident.

"I plan on staying here until I die," said Wallings. "I hope to retire here. I love it because it's outside work, and there's nobody to bother you. I enjoy working outside."

Controlling the grass at North Field is Wallings' largest job. Grass covers most of the 2,400 acres of North Field.

"I like to be out cutting grass and getting my job done," said Wallings. "Cutting grass is (hard) work, but I enjoy it. In the winter I do a lot of control burning of the grass to prepare for the summer. It's hard to keep up with the grass around here."

The 15-year groundskeeping veteran of North Field helps out almost everyone at the site with minor repairs or cleaning.

"He helps us if something breaks down here," said Feltner. "He's a great guy, and he doesn't ask for anything in return."

Wallings said he also assists the tower with cleanup.

"The people in the tower inspect the runway," said Wallings. "But they come to me to get stuff done. I

vacuum the runway if there's anything on it. I also work with their flying schedule to cut (grass) around the lights."

Wallings doesn't stop at helping just his coworkers.

"I found a stray cat, and decided to take care of it," said Wallings. "Everyone loves the cat. I just feed it and give it a place to stay."

Before starting work at North Field, the 55-year-old was a foreman for the South Carolina Highway Department, which ended up being his bridge to North Field.

"I worked for the highway department, and I knew the operator who worked here before me," said Wallings. "I used to give him pipe for different projects he had here."

Weeks went by, and it had been a while since Wallings saw the groundskeeper. He decided to ask the supervisor where he went.

"The supervisor said he had changed jobs and went back to Fort Jackson (Columbia, S.C.), and he asked me if I wanted the job," said Wallings. "I thought about it for a while and decided to take the job."

Wallings said when he first started at North Field, the job wasn't nearly as large as it is now.

"There's more grass to cut," said Wallings. "The place got larger, and there's more to keep up."



Quinton Wallings, North Field groundskeeper, performs minor maintenance on a truck before driving it. Wallings is responsible for all the maintenance equipment he uses.



Quinton Wallings, North Field groundskeeper, cuts the grass. Wallings said North Field has gotten larger since he started working there, and there's now more grass to cut.

The small town of North, S.C., located just outside the gate of North Field, is where the versatile handyman has spent his life.

"I was born two miles from here," said Wallings. "I've never stayed more than five miles from the gate."

Wallings' family consists of a wife, Cathy, and four children, Christine, Renee, Jason and Nicole.

Feltner said Wallings works like a well oiled machine, always getting the job done.

"He's very self-supporting," said Feltner. "When he leaves this place, they are going to have a hard time filling his shoes."

"On a personal level, he's someone you always want to be friends with," continued Feltner. "On a professional level, you can't go wrong with someone like Mr. Wallings."

Fitness & Sports

Softball playoffs END today

By Airman 1st Class
Amy Perry
437 AW Public Affairs

The 2002 Charleston AFB Intramural Softball Championship Tournament ends today.

As of press time, the outcome of the double-elimination tournament was not known.

Fierce competition surged throughout the week, as the top four teams played for the first time in the playoffs, with not all being victorious, and the loser's bracket kicking off.

The No. 1 ranked team, the Flyers/OSS, dominated the No. 8 team, MED GP, 19-11, Monday. Also, No. 5 SFS massacred No. 4 APS 1, 27-10. The No. 6 rated team, 373 TRS/DET 5, knocked No. 3 CS to the loser's bracket, 20-6. No. 2 ranked SUP 1 edged out No. 7 AGS, 11-10.

The loser's bracket games started Tuesday, with eight teams pitted against each other in hopes to make it to the champion-

ship. TRANS stomped APS, crushing the No. 4 team's dreams of a championship, 15-4. MED GP beat SUP 2 by 10, 13-3. AGS also won by 10 runs, when they defeated MXS, 16-6. CS/SVS came back from an upset in Monday night's game, when they managed to edge out CES, 14-11.

The last two games Tuesday night were second round games in the loser's bracket. After winning earlier that night, the four teams continued on their way with championship dreams. Although TRANS and MED GP both won by 10 or more in the first round, TRANS barely let MED GP get in a run, beating them 15-4. The championship hopeful AGS team couldn't keep up with CS/SVS team. CS/SVS won 22-12.

AGS barely lost to the SUP Monday night, but lost the following night.

"I thought the game was what a playoff game should be," said Mark Montrose, AGS coach. "Both teams kept responding to the

other."

SUP 1 coach Ken Owens said the Flyers/OSS was his team's biggest competition.

"The Flyers are the team to beat," said Owens. "If we beat the 373 TRS/DET 5, we have a chance to win the whole thing."

"The playoffs are a wide-open field," he continued. "An underdog could be the training detachment. They are hitting the ball good, and they annihilate CES last night. AGS also played hard against us (Monday). It could be them to take home the championship."

The coach of the 'team to beat' said he doesn't feel that way.

"We started slow (Monday), but picked it up in later innings," Damian Fox said. "We need to get it together if we are going to beat SFS (Wednesday night)."

Fox said he could see how they were the team to beat due to their regular season stats.

"We scored the most



Photo by Airman 1st Class Amy Perry

Tony Jones, SUP 1, stretches for the throw to first, but Ken Liggins, AGS, makes it with time to spare.

runs and allowed the least," said Fox.

Fox, however, said he's pretty certain his team will make it to the finals if they play like they did in regular season, but in the championship tournament, anything goes.

"On any given day, anyone can get beat," said Fox.

One of the 373 TRS/DET 5 coaches attributed its recent successes to its new team.

"We're going pretty good with a team that hasn't been here all year," said Richard Calhoun. "Our team changed with deploy-

ments and people moving. We are now just starting to score some runs."

Calhoun said the detachment has the ability to be one of the top three teams.

"From what I've seen, the Flyers/OSS is probably going to end up in the finals," Calhoun said. "I hope it's going to be us meeting them. We have a top team, and we have a chance to win it."

There are many teams with championship dreams, but only one team will have its dreams realized today, on softball field No. 2, 5:30 p.m.

Hurricanes headed to big dance with glass slippers on

By Master Sgt. Daniel Murphy
437 AW Public Affairs

The Charleston AFB Hurricanes ice hockey team has advanced to the league championship game following an 11-2 shellacking of T.R. Mulligan's Gladiators.

The cinderella Hurricanes have won their last five games, and will play for the title as a first-year team.

Jonathan Connor, 437th Aerial Port Squadron, opened the scoring for the Hurricanes less than five

minutes into the first period. The Air Force team didn't give up the lead for the remainder of the game.

Connor led the team in scoring with his second hat trick in two games. He also leads the league in playoff scoring.

"I owe it to the supporting cast," said Connor. "I couldn't have scored without a couple great feeds from Jeff Openbrier (437th Aircraft Generation Squadron) and Jason Smith (437th Airlift Wing)."

Connor, who is also the team captain, said the Hurricanes were successful because they stuck to their plan of not retaliating and drawing first blood on the scoreboard.

The Hurricanes will face the number-one seeded Wolves Monday, 7 p.m., at the Carolina Ice Palace. Admission is free and all Team Charleston members are invited.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Kaminsky

Jonathan Connor, 437th Aerial Port Squadron, takes a backhander on Nate Gottsch, T.R. Mulligan's Gladiators' goalie.

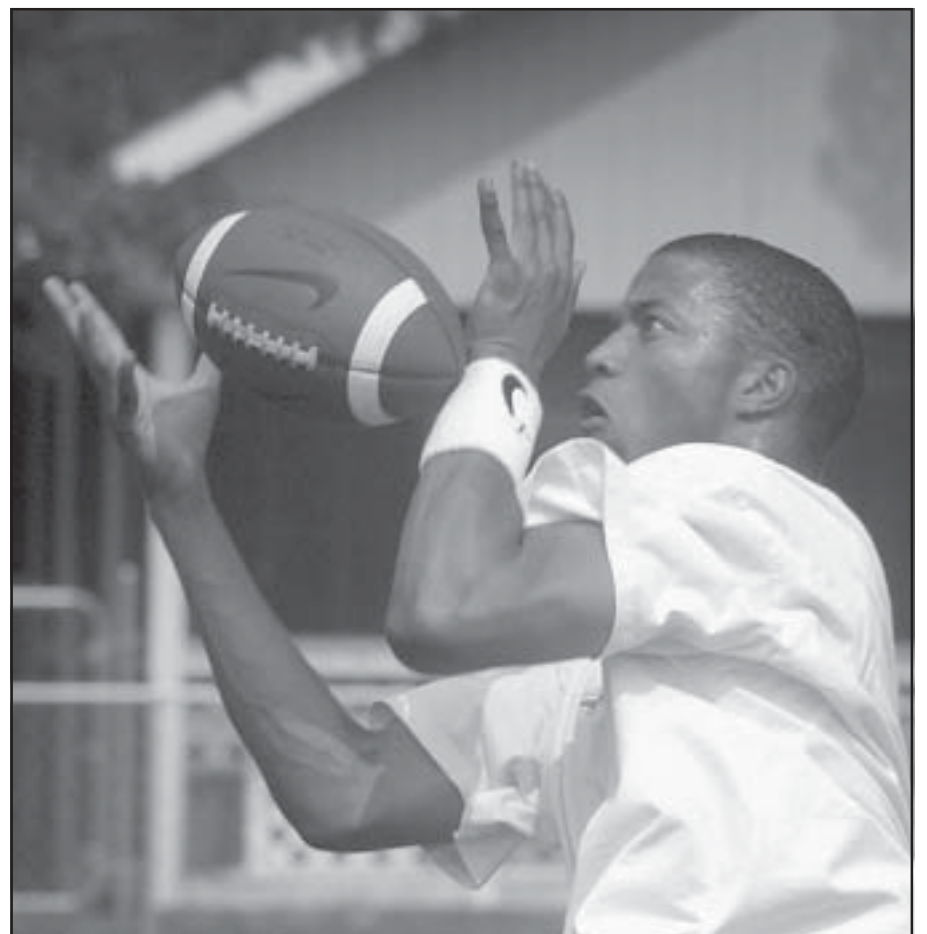


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Sticky fingers

Rick Burton, 437th Communications Squadron, makes a catch during the squadron's recent flag football practice. The flag football season starts Sept. 10 and should last about eight weeks. There is still room available for squadron teams wanting to participate. For more information, call the Fitness and Sports Center at 963-3347.